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EXAMINER: **MANOHARAN, V.**

FOR: **PURIFICATION OF DIFLUOROMETHANE
BY EXTRACTIVE DISTILLATION**

AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the office action dated October 9, 2001, for the original office action dated March 27, 2001.

Please find attached the copies you have requested in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121).

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 2, line 22: please delete the term "chlorodifluoromethane" and replace with the term "dichlorodifluoromethane" as follows:

B1
The present invention comprises a process for separating difluoromethane (HFC-32) from at least one halocarbon of a first mixture comprising difluoromethane (HFC-32) and halocarbon selected from the group consisting of dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12), 1,1,1-trifluoroethane (HFC-143a), chloropentafluoroethane (CFC-115), and pentafluoroethane (HFC-125), comprising the steps of:

In the Claims:

B2
1.(Amended) A process for separating difluoromethane (HFC-32) from at least one halocarbon of a first mixture comprising difluoromethane (HFC-32) and halocarbon selected from the group consisting of dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12), 1,1,1-